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The Palestinian civilian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory continues to be the target of brutal and deadly military attacks perpetrated by the Israeli occupying forces. In recent weeks, these attacks, which have included extrajudicial killings, have further intensified, resulting in mounting Palestinian casualties and further destruction and devastation. Since the beginning of the year in January and up until today, the Israeli occupying forces have killed at least 104 Palestinian civilians, including women and children, and have wounded hundreds of people. This figure includes the 14 Palestinians who were killed by the Israeli occupying forces yesterday, Sunday, 7 March 2004, in the Gaza Strip.

In the early morning hours of Sunday, the occupying forces raided the Bureij and Nusseirat refugee camps in the Gaza Strip. Dozens of armoured personnel carriers and tanks, provided with cover by helicopter gunships overhead, raided the camps in what the occupying Power has referred to as "pinpoint operations" intended to target "militants". The Israeli attack even included the use of snipers, who were positioned on rooftops of buildings that were overtaken by the occupying forces in the densely populated camps. Before noon, the Israeli occupying forces had killed at least 14 Palestinians, including four children ranging in age from 8 to 18 years old, and injured more than 80 other civilians, more than half of them children and several of them critically. During the raids, the occupying forces also destroyed one home, caused damage to several other houses and roads and used bulldozers to uproot orchards and fields in the vicinity of the refugee camps.

Today, the Israeli occupying forces continued their attacks on civilians when they shot and killed a Palestinian boy, Khaled Mousa Hadeeb, age 15, while he was working in a field belong to his family near an Israeli settlement in the Gaza Strip. Moreover, the occupying forces continued to use excessive force against Palestinian civilians and others protesting against the Wall being constructed by the occupying Power in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. At a demonstration today in the West

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Bank village of Beit Lakiya, which included hundreds of Israelis, Palestinians and foreign activists, two people were injured when the occupying forces fired rubber-coated bullets at the protesters.

Such ongoing Israeli policies and practices, including the continued perpetration of extrajudicial killings against Palestinian civilians and the continued construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem, constitute serious violations and grave breaches of international law, including the Fourth Geneva Convention. War crimes are being committed against the Palestinian people under Israel's military occupation. Palestinian men, women and children are being constantly and relentlessly terrorized, punished, harassed and humiliated by the occupying Power as it continues to violate their human rights and to colonize their land. This is the dark reality of daily life in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. The current escalation of illegal Israeli actions against the Palestinian people is compounding the suffering and hardships of the civilian population and exacerbating the prevailing humanitarian crisis.

The international community, including the Security Council, cannot continue to turn a blind eye to such ongoing and intensifying Israeli transgressions and violations of international law. Israel, the occupying Power, cannot be allowed to continue to act with impunity; it must be held accountable for its actions. Israel cannot be permitted to continue incurring death and destruction among the Palestinian people and to continue to undermine any efforts for a resumption of dialogue and negotiations for a peaceful settlement, while choosing instead to pursue its illegal agenda in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including the imposition of an unjust and illegitimate unilateral settlement on the Palestinian people.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 182 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 3 March 2004 (A/ES-10/258-S/2004/173), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you just five days ago, at least 23 Palestinians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2003 to 2,812 Palestinians. (The names of martyrs that have been identified are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dr. Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Identical letters dated 8 March 2004 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Thursday, 4 March 2004 to Monday, 8 March 2004)

Thursday, 4 March 2004

1. Awni Nayef Kalab
2. Mohammed Al-Abed Othman (14 years old)

Friday, 5 March 2004

1. Mu'taz Nafez Al-Shirafi (10 years old, sustained wounds from 28 February 2004)

Saturday, 6 March 2004

1. Tha'er Khaled Abu Sereyeh
2. Hossam Khaled Mohammed Eleweh
3. Besheer Moussa Moussa Abu Al-Amrein
4. Hatem Mahmoud Tafesh (18 years old)
5. Mikdad Mohammed Al-Mibayad

Sunday, 7 March 2004

1. Mahmoud Abdallah Younes (8 years old)
2. Mohammed Ali Badawi (15 years old)
3. Mohamemd Amer Ayman Abu Azreeq (12 years old)
4. Amr Mohammed Al-Jamal (18 years old)
5. Shady Ahmed Al-Sa'edni
6. Fares Fathi Al-Hawajri
7. Mohamed Isamail Al-Shatly
8. Ahmed Harb
9. Mousa Manar Hamou
10. Yussef Mohammed Al-Sinwar
11. Khaled Kassem Al-Hazki
12. Hasan Ahmed Zuhd
13. Haytham Mohammed Al-Esawy
14. Hazem Rawhi Aql

Monday, 8 March 2004

1. Khaled Mousa Hadeeb (15 years old)

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 2,812.

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to perpetrate war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations against the Palestinian people as the occupying forces continue to launch assaults and raids against civilian areas throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. With the continuation of this Israeli military campaign, the casualties and destruction being endured by the Palestinian people continue to mount dramatically. In this regard, it is my regret to inform you that, since my letter to you just two days ago, the Israeli occupying forces have killed at least seven more Palestinians.

Today, Israeli undercover units raided the city of Jenin and killed five Palestinians, including a 14-year-old boy, who were travelling by car. The car was riddled with bullets and the Israeli undercover units immediately left the area after the attack. These extrajudicial executions of Palestinians compound the war crime committed by the occupying forces in the Occupied Gaza Strip on Sunday, 7 March 2004, in which 14 Palestinians, including children, were killed. Also today, Israeli occupying forces killed a 16-year-old boy in Al-Khalil in addition to another Palestinian who was shot and killed yesterday in Jenin.

Such ongoing Israeli policies and practices, including the continued perpetration of deliberate killings against Palestinian civilians and the continued human rights violations against the Palestinian people in connection with its ongoing construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem, constitute serious violations and grave breaches of international law, including the Fourth Geneva Convention. The international community must continue to act to bring an end to all Israeli actions against the Palestinian people and ensure Israel's compliance with international law and with its obligations as an occupying Power.

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This letter is in follow-up to our previous 183 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 8 March 2004 (A/ES-10/259-S/2004/178), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, at least seven Palestinians, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, in addition to two Palestinians who died from sustained wounds, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2003 to 2,821 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 10 March 2004 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Monday, 8 March 2004 to Wednesday, 10 March 2004)

Monday, 8 March 2004

Khaled Taha Abdel Hafez Mady (from wounds sustained on 3 March 2004)

Tuesday, 9 March 2004

1. I'atemad Mahmoud Kalab (from wounds sustained on 4 March 2004)
2. Dalal Mujahed Mohamed Abu Al-Hasan

Wednesday, 10 March 2004

1. Ihab Ahmed Abu Ja'afar
2. Mohamed Ahmed Abdallah Khairallah
3. Ayman Mahmoud Saba'neh
4. Amer Mohamed Saleh Quesrawi
5. Basel Khaled Mahdi Abu Amr (14 years old)
6. Tha'er Mohamed Halayqeh (16 years old)

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In recent weeks, Israel, the occupying Power, has been intensifying its military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. This has included in particular an escalation of military raids and attacks in the Gaza Strip, which has involved the killing of tens of civilians, including the extrajudicial killing of several Palestinians by the Israeli occupying forces.

Today, the Israeli occupying forces fired at least two missiles into a crowd of people in the Rafah refugee camp, killing four Palestinians and wounding several other people. While the occupying forces claimed the missiles were fired at "suspected militants", among those killed were two unarmed teenage boys, Musbah Abdallah Muwafi, 14 years old, and Ala' Wawl Al-Najili, 15 years old. This deadly assault followed a missile attack late yesterday, 16 March, in Gaza City, during which the occupying forces launched missile fire at a home in the city, resulting in the extrajudicial killing of two Palestinian men, Hosni Nidal Al-Sarafiti and Nasser Yassin, the wounding of at least 14 other people, including a two-year-old girl, and the destruction of the home of the Haroubi family.

In this regard it is imperative to draw attention to the fact that yesterday the Security Cabinet of Prime Minister Sharon's government decided to step up the military campaign in the Gaza Strip ahead of a possible planned withdrawal by the Israeli occupying forces. According to this policy set out yesterday evening by the Israeli government, the occupying forces have been ordered to act without restraint or limitations against the leaders of Palestinian groups in the area, including Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Fatah. Specifically, it was reported that this new offensive by the Israeli occupying forces could include the assassination of Palestinian "leaders" and "militants" with the aim of "making the organizations pay a stiff price" ahead of any withdrawal from the Gaza Strip. In this regard, it has been reported that the Israeli occupying forces have been amassing more troops and tanks on the outskirts of the Gaza Strip to carry out this escalation policy. In addition to carrying out

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extrajudicial killings or assassinations, it has been reported that the occupying forces intend to carry out a series of night-time raids against selected targets throughout the Gaza Strip.

It is becoming starkly clear that it is the intention of Israel, the occupying Power, to cause as much death, destruction and chaos in the Gaza Strip prior to any possible withdrawal of the occupying forces in implementation of Mr. Sharon's illegitimate unilateral "disengagement plan". Further, such actions by Israel ensure the continuation of the cycle of violence on the ground and thus the prevention of any return to dialogue or negotiations between the two sides. The occupying Power's deliberate pursuit of such illegal policies and practices can have no other objectives at this time and must be vehemently condemned by the international community. Moreover, measures must be taken to prevent the further escalation of this Israeli military campaign against the Palestinian civilian population that remains helpless and without any protection from the brute force of the occupying Power. The continuation and intensification of Israel's military campaign against the Palestinian people will clearly lead only to more bloodshed and to more suffering by innocent civilians, which should be avoided at all costs.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 184 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 10 March 2004 (A/ES-10/260-S/2004/187), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, I regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, at least 14 Palestinians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 2,835 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Thursday, 11 March 2004 to Wednesday, 17 March 2004)

Thursday, 11 March 2004

Yussef Mustafa Shahwan

Saturday, 13 March 2004

Said Mahmoud Mresh

Mohammed Sulieman Haboush

Ali Shawkat Ali Fares

Sunday, 14 March 2004

Mohammed Mufid Al-Mubyad

Mahmoud Saidy Elieweh

Ahmed Rafik Hamdan

Monday, 15 March 2004

Musa'd Ayesh Ermilat

Tuesday, 16 March 2004

Hosni Nidal Al-Sarafiti

Nasser Yassin

Wednesday, 17 March 2004

Faraj Said Abu Jazar

Mahmoud Abu Nahl

Musbah Abdallah Muwafi (14 years old)

Ala' Wael Al-Najili (15 years old)

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 2,835.

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Identical letters dated 22 March 2004 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Committing yet another war crime, Israel, the occupying Power, assassinated Sheikh Ahmed Yassin in Gaza City. Helicopter gunships fired three missiles at a car carrying the quadriplegic Sheikh as he left a mosque near his home after dawn prayers, killing him instantly along with six other Palestinians. In addition, more than 15 people, including children, were wounded as a result of the attack, several of them critically. In other military attacks today, Israeli occupying forces killed five other Palestinians throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, some of whom had been gathered in demonstrations against the assassination.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon made a statement after the extrajudicial execution of Sheikh Yassin indicating that he was personally involved, as he oversaw the entire operation, receiving constant updates from Israeli occupying forces. Prime Minister Sharon also stated that the illegal practice of extrajudicial executions would continue.

The Palestinian leadership strongly condemned this criminal and insane act and warned of the serious consequences. We note in this regard the broad and overwhelming condemnation by the international community of this crime in specific and of the ongoing practice of committing extrajudicial executions against the Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

In this regard, we call on the United Nations Security Council to take specific measures to condemn the criminal act and to ensure the cessation by Israel, the occupying Power, of extrajudicial executions and other illegal policies and practices being committed against the Palestinian people.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 185 letters addressed to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 17 March 2004 (A/ES-10/261-S/2004/216), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by the Israeli occupying forces against the

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Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian People, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, I regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, at least 23 Palestinians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 2,858 Palestinians. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are contained in the annex to the present letter).

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Thursday, 18 March 2004, to Monday, 22 March 2004)

Thursday, 18 March 2004

Adly Mohammed Abu Taha (from wounds sustained on 17 March 2004)

Friday, 19 March 2004

Ayman Abdel Karim Abu Hashim (from wounds sustained on 17 March 2004)

Saturday, 20 March 2004

1. Fatma Mohammed Al-Jallad (8 years old, from wounds sustained on 19 March 2004)
2. Mohammed Ashtewi Saleh Abu Muhsen (17 years old)

Sunday, 21 March 2004

1. Ibrahim Khalil Al-Hew (from wounds sustained on 2 March 2004)
2. Thonani Alyan Qudeh
3. Bassem Salem Salman Qudeh
4. Sana' Abdel Hady Qudeh
5. Ra'fat Saleh Abu Toema
6. Abdel Rahman Zaki Al-Derbasi

Monday, 22 March 2004

1. Sheikh Ahmed Ismail Yassin
2. Amir Ahmed Abdel Aal
3. Mu'emen Al-Yazouri
4. Rateb Abdel Rahman Al-Aloul
5. Khamis Mushtahi
6. Khalil Abdallah Abu Jyab
7. Ayoub Attallah
8. Osama Al-Afandi
9. Ahmed Khalil Ghabayen

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 2,858.

10. Riyad Mimr Abu Aya Zu'arab
11. Musa'b Hussein Al-Ghalban (13 years old)
12. Mohammed Rawhi Al-Dosh
13. Mohammed Adel Abdel Rahman Abu Halimeh